



Together We Achieve

Newsletter

Monday 13th July 2020

September Return

The government has set out its intent and plan for all children to return to school full time from the start of September. It is based on a twin strategy of limiting contact between children and implementing hygiene measures. Our plan for September is for all of our children to return and be based in their class bubble. School will do everything possible to minimise contacts and mixing whilst delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. The DfE has stated that social distancing and bubbles should not be seen as alternative options and that both will still bring benefits even if implemented partially. In line with guidance we will keep children in their class groups for the majority of the classroom time but we will also allow mixing into wider groups for wraparound care (Breakfast Club) and over lunchtimes. The details of mixing into wider groups will be explained further in the sections below. We have arrangements in place to allow home learning to take place should a partial or full closure of the school be required, at any point in the next academic year. Our Governing Body and the Local Authority support our plans for all children to return to school full time. The number one priority for our plan is the safety of our whole school community; children, staff and parents/carers and that will remain so, throughout. We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back on Tuesday 8th September. Although things will be somewhat different to the normal way of school life, it is our aim to ensure things feel as normal as possible for the children. We have found that the children, who have returned to Year Reception, 1 and 6 this term, have just picked up from where they left off and have been very happy back in the school environment socialising with their friends. It will be so refreshing to feel like a whole school community again in September. We have missed you all! Please see below the information you will need to know regarding our September return.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me via email at headteacher@huttoncranswick.eriding.net or on the school number 01377 270482 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers for your continued support during these unprecedented times. Take care and stay safe.

Times of the School Day and Drop off/Collection Points

Schools have been asked to consider staggered starts or adjusting start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school. Due to the fact that we have multiple entrances/exits we have decided to allocate all classes a separate door for arrival and collection at the normal school time of 8.45am and 3.20pm.

When entering school and waiting on the playground, at the start and the end of the school day, we ask that parents adhere to the social distancing rules of 1m. We ask that only one parent/carer drop off and collect your child each day to reduce the number of people entering the school site. This can be a different adult on different days. Children must wait with their parent/carer before school and go straight to them when they leave. Children must not play on the school equipment or on the school grounds, as they will then be mixing class bubbles. Doors will be open from 8.45am and we ask that you do not arrive before this time. The entrances/exits for each class are shown below:
Year Reception – Please come through the small black gate to the right of school and walk through to the playground next to the Year Reception classroom door.

Year 1 – Please come through the main gate and then wait before the playground gate. Mrs Hoyle will be waiting at the library door to welcome the children.

Year 2 – The Year 2 children will be staying in the same classroom they have been in this year, so please use the normal door.

Year 3 – Please come through the usual gate and use the cloakroom door at the end of the building.

Year 4 – The Year 4 children will be staying in the same classroom they have been in during Year 3. They will use their own class door.

Year 5 - Please come through the small black gate to the right of school and then first left into their cloakroom door.

Year 6 – Please come through the main entrance.

The class teachers will be waiting at these points on the first day back so there will be staff available to help you access the correct door.

We also kindly ask that parents/carers do not come into the building and if you have any queries please ring or email school.

We will review this approach once it is in place. It will rely heavily on our parents/carers following the guidance we

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will start on **Monday 14th September**. The children at Breakfast Club will be in wider bubbles of YR/1/2/3 and Y4/5/6. However these bubbles will be smaller than a class size and fairly consistent. The hall will be split into two sections, by cones, and the children from each wider bubble will stay at either side. Children will come to Breakfast Club through the main entrance. We are asking that parents stay at the front door when dropping the children off and that they do not come into the building. A member of staff will be there to meet the children and on entry the children will be asked to sanitise their hands at the dispenser in the main office. For children dropped off at 8.00am it is a £3 charge, which includes breakfast. For children dropped off at 8.30am it is a £1 charge and this does not include breakfast. Please do not drop off your child any later than 8.30am, as our Year 6 children will be using the main entrance from 8.45am. If you require a place at Breakfast Club please complete the booking form (which can be found on our website – Parents – Breakfast Club) or ring school on 01377 270482. Please remember bookings need to be made at least 48 hours in advance.

Lunch/Break Times

We will be having staggered break times for the children. Year Reception children will stay on their playground area for all of their break times and lunch break. Year 1, 2 and 3 will have all of their breaks at the same time and then Year 4, 5 and 6. When children have their breaks at the same time as the other class bubbles they will have their own areas to play in. So for example Y1 will be on the field, Y2 the ball court and Y3 the playground. Children may pass through other class bubbles on their way to their area, however they will not be mixing with the children in the other bubbles. This is supported by The DfE advice that states: pupils passing each other briefly in a corridor or playground (eg walking past each other) is a relatively 'low risk', but that schools should try to avoid large groups of pupils mixing together in these spaces at the same time. The wider grouping of class bubbles will only mix at Breakfast Club, but as stated earlier they will still be in smaller, fairly consistent bubbles. Whilst in the hall eating lunch YR, 1, 2 and 3 will be on their own class tables and they will not mix classes at the table. The same applies for Year 4, 5 and 6. After the first sitting in the hall, tables will be wiped down before the next class sits at the table.

Curriculum

When our children return, our main focus will be to spend time supporting the wellbeing of the children. Time will also need to be spent on education around hygiene, focusing on handwashing and not touching faces etc. We will also be increasing the amount of outside learning the children take part in. We have been informed that there should not be large gatherings that bring different groups together, such as whole-school assemblies. Therefore we will be completing a virtual whole school assembly on Mondays and a virtual Celebration Assembly on Fridays; therefore bringing the whole school together. Within class the children will complete class assemblies on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Guidance from the government states: for key stages one and two, the curriculum should remain broad so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, the arts, physical education/sport, religious education, relationships and health education. Our curriculum planning will be informed by an assessment of children's starting points and addressing the gaps in their knowledge and skills. We will naturally be looking at whether or not we need to make adjustments to our curriculum based on our assessments of children's learning and progress as they return to school. This is likely to involve considering which key concepts missed from the summer term now need to be covered.

For PE, outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, and the hall will be used where this is not possible. The children will be kept in their class bubble for PE. Sports equipment will be thoroughly cleaned between each use by different bubbles.

Essentials for Children

The children should only bring the essentials to school. We are asking that children from all year groups do not bring in pencil cases. They should bring their coat, book bag, PE kit, a water bottle and packed lunch. If appropriate, they will start taking reading books and homework home in their book bags, in due course. Water bottles must be named and taken home, cleaned and refilled for the next day. PE kits can be kept in school for the duration of the week and taken home on a Friday. PE kit along with school uniform does not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal. If the weather is kind to us in September, sun cream needs to be applied before the children come to school. If this is needed again during the day the children should bring it in their book bags and will need to apply it themselves. Please remember to name everything! Many thanks in advance for your cooperation with this.

Additional Measures/Health and Safety

Our main priority is the safety of children, staff, families and the wider community. We have worked closely with the guidance and advice provided by the government and Local Authority to carry out rigorous risk assessments. The following will be implemented to ensure that everyone is working in the safest way possible to minimise risk:

- Children will only work in their class bubbles and will not mix with other groups (apart from at Breakfast Club as mentioned above).
- Class bubbles will have their own designated classroom and outdoor areas which other groups will not access at the same time.
- Hand Washing – children will sanitise or wash their hands on entry to school, before and after first and last break, before and after lunch break and before they leave school. This will be monitored and reinforced by all staff.
- All children will have their own resources e.g. pencil, whiteboard, pens etc, which will only be used by them and kept in their own tray/plastic wallet in their designated classroom area.
- Shared toys and resources will be chosen carefully and only those that can be easily cleaned regularly will be available.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered with groups having designated areas to eat and play.
- Eating areas will be cleaned and sanitised after each class bubble.
- Toilet blocks will be shared by class bubbles as we do not have enough for all groups. However, each class will have their own designated cubicle and sink. At lunchtimes, Year 5 and 6 will have to use the Year 3 and 4 toilet. However toilets at the touch points will be cleaned after lunch.
- Movement around school will be as infrequent as possible.
- There will be an enhanced level of daily cleaning including disinfecting switches, keyboards, handles, taps etc.
- All bins have lids and are foot pedal operated.
- There is signage up around school with reminders linked to washing hands, catch it, bin it etc.
- Children will be taught about hygiene – washing hands, things not in mouths etc which will be continually reinforced.
- Outdoor equipment will be disinfected between use of different class bubbles.
- Doors and windows in all rooms will be open where possible to aid ventilation.
- Resources in classroom that are not necessary, soft furnishings etc have been removed and stored.
- We will administer First Aid to the children if and when needed and PPE precautions will be in place.

Symptoms/Actions

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms:

a high temperature

a new, continuous cough

a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

School staff and children who attend school are eligible for testing. If a positive test is received they must self-isolate for 7 days and their household for 14 days.

If a child presents with symptoms at school, Government guidelines will be followed and they will be sent home. Whilst waiting for collection they will be isolated and supervised by an adult. The room will be well ventilated. If they need to use the toilet it will be cleaned after use. Staff will wear appropriate PPE. Any hard surface the child has come into contact with will be cleaned as per government guidelines.

If there is a confirmed positive case at school then Government guidelines will be followed. The rest of the class/bubble will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 14 days in line with Public Health guidance. Households of the children sent home from the bubble do not need to self-isolate unless the person from the 'class bubble' with whom they live develops symptoms.

If children who have been sent home with symptoms are tested and found not to have COVID-19 they can return to school.